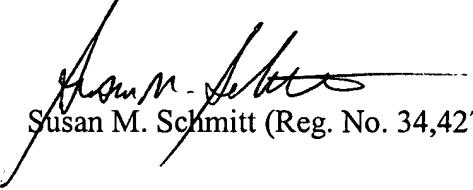


Remarks

In a phone conference with the Examiner on December 20, 2005 regarding an election of species requirement made in paper mailed on October 5, 2005, the Examiner withdrew the election of species requirement and made a restriction requirement. In accordance with the restriction requirement, Applicant is electing for prosecution, claims 50-88, 95, 108-127 and 140-146 corresponding to one of six groups of claims.

Applicant further submits herewith a preliminary amendment. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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